



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27 March 2026



At St John's Stonefold Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of *Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance*.

Our School Motto is based on Ephesians 3: 17-19,
'Rooted and Established in God's Love: Nurture, Grow, Fly'

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful final week of term we've had at St John's Stonefold! Despite the unpredictable weather – from glorious sunshine to rain and even snow – our school community has been buzzing with activity and celebration.

Today has been particularly special with our Easter Egg Raffle, featuring some truly egg-citing prizes for the children to win. We've also been running our 96% and above attendance raffle, with Smyths vouchers and scooters up for grabs. It really does pay to be in school, and we're delighted to recognise the commitment our families are making to regular attendance.

On Wednesday morning, we were privileged to welcome Father Simon, who led our Eucharist service. It was wonderful to have several of our governors join us, and the children in Goldcrest class received a special blessing during the service. The atmosphere was truly special, and it was much enjoyed by all who attended.

I'm thrilled to celebrate some outstanding achievements from this week. Our Choir performed in the Last Choir Singing competition on Wednesday evening, and the children were an absolute credit to the school. We're incredibly proud to have been presented with the George Critchley Award for our performances – a fantastic recognition of their hard work and dedication.

On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 children performed their show, E-A-S-T-E-R spells Easter, and it was simply amazing! This was the first time we've held an Easter performance at St John's Stonefold, and it's the start of what we hope will become an annual tradition for our school. The children's enthusiasm and talent shone through brilliantly.

On Thursday, we held a prayer walk in school for our parents, which was a meaningful experience for everyone involved. The children took part in creating beautiful Easter-themed prayer spaces throughout the school, and parents were invited to come in and join us in prayer. It was a lovely way to reflect on the spiritual significance of this season.

As we break up for Easter, I'd like to encourage everyone to have a happy and safe break. Take time to relax, enjoy some chocolate, and spend quality time with family and friends. Most importantly, let's not forget the true message of Easter as we celebrate together.

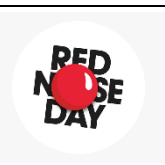
We look forward to welcoming you all back after the break. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Easter.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



We break up today for the Easter holidays at 1.30 pm – We are back in school on Monday 13 April – doors open at 8.45 am



Comic Relief – thank you!
With your help we raised an impressive £64.40 for Comic Relief!





TIES –If anyone needs a spare tie or loses a tie – ties are on sale in the office. The price is as follows:

Elastic Ties = £3.99 (recommended for KS1)

Clip on Ties = £4.99 (recommended for KS2)



FOODBANK -We have a foodbank collection point in the front entrance, please do make donations as you are able, these will be collected and distributed via St James' Church. If you are struggling at all with the cost of living and providing food at home, please get in touch – we are able to refer our parents to the foodbank.



SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE PRIZE WINNERS AS FOLLOWS (All children who had attendance over 96% were in the draw):

TOP PRIZE £40 voucher or scooter: MILLIE D

RUNNERS UP £20 voucher: Skylar, Jack R, Alice T

CLASSES	★ Half Term – 'SOAR AT STONEFOLD AWARDS' (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/ Be Thankful)	★ ★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation
EAGLETS	Imaan & Betty	Jaxon
AVOCET	Ava & Zahra	Isla
GOLDCREST	Safa & Willow	Ayrton
LAPWING	Eleanor & Pixie	Pearl
EAGLE	Ethan & Ellis	Harry

★ **HALF TERM VALUE AWARDS FOR DISPLAYING SCHOOL CORE VALUES: Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance!** ★ ★

EAGLETS	Jett you have shown all of our school values this half term. You light up the room with your beaming smile. Everyone wants to be your friend because you care so much about those around you.
AVOCET	Clayton - for always being a perfect role model, whether that's putting in 100% effort into his learning, sitting so smartly on the carpet or being the politest child in the room with his love and kindness. We are so proud of you, Clayton. You never fail to make me smile. Well done.
GOLDCREST	Abdur-Rahman- You show great Enthusiasm in your learning and a willing Attitude to join in with class discussions. You have shown great Growth in Goldcrest class and are proving to be a sponge absorbing new learning. You have shown a fantastic Loving and caring personality towards your peers and made them feel special. You show an Eagerness to learn and grow as an individual and are a valued member of the Stonefold family. EAGLE – keep being you.
LAPWING	Haniya epitomises all of our school values. She is a valued member of the class showing love and respect to all who work with her treating everyone with kindness. Haniya's endurance to her work and the high standards of aspiration that she sets herself allows her to act as a fantastic role model in the class. Haniya's generosity of her time allows everyone to be happy around her. Well done Haniya, this award is certainly deserved.
EAGLE	Lola, Thank you for the care you have shown to all members of our school community, especially our youngest pupils this half term. You lead by example, showing kindness, responsibility, and respect at all times. You represent every one of our school values and you are an outstanding ambassador for Year 6. Well done!

Team Points Winner this HALF TERM

OAK HALF TERM WINNERS REWARD NON UNIFORM 17 APRIL 2026

Class Attendance Winners this week

EAGLETS 99.05%

CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE

95.3% up to 26 March 2026



ADVANCE NOTICE: Dinner money price increase –

The price of school dinners will increase from £2.90 to £3.00 per meal, £15.00 for a full week, from 1 April 2026.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Breakfast & After School Club price increasing.

Unfortunately, from 1 April 2026, school is having to increase the cost of our Breakfast & After School Club provision as follows:

Breakfast Club – 7.45 am – 8.45 am £5.50 this includes breakfast, cereal, toast etc.

After School Club – 3.20 pm – 6.00 pm £9.50 including a snack, ie sandwiches, sausage rolls etc.

Time for Reflection

An Easter Prayer

Jesus, on this glorious day, I thank you for your beautiful resurrection. You promised us new life, and your resurrection gives us hope in the midst of pain and despair. Thank you that I am a new creation in Christ. You are the living hope, and through your life-giving spirit, I am redeemed, saved, and secure in You. Amen.

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Curious Cats Community
EASTER HALF TERM MUDDY MEET UPS
 Victoria Park, Cambridge Street Haslingden

Weds 01/04/26 10am -12 pm
Good Fri 03/04/26 10am -12 pm
Weds 08/04/26 10am-12pm

£7.50 per child incl. drinks and campfire treats for everyone!
 Discount is available for bookings of 10 or more. Under 2's and brews are always free!
 Private group session bookings for 10 or more are available to book from 1-3pm

Join us for tree swinging, mud pie making, nature creating, obstacle races, time to relax in the hammock, create secret dens and campfire cooking! Some activities will stay and some will change so there is always something to explore

BOOK NOW
 Contact Nicola@CuriousCatsCommunity
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 nicola.curiouscats@outlook.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 27 March	1.30 pm	Last day at school before Easter break – finish early
Monday 13 April	8.45 am	School re-opens after Easter break.
Tuesday 14 April	2.45 pm	SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION – Parents welcome!
Wednesday 22 April	3.30 pm onwards	PARENTS EVENING – please note new date!
Monday 4 May	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 May	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY – POLLING DAY
Friday 15 May	ALL DAY	EAGLETS SCHOOL TRIP – BLACKPOOL ZOO
Monday 18 May	ALL DAY	EAGLE CLASS TRIP TO YORK – JORVIK VIKING CENTRE
Friday 22 May	3.30 pm	Last day before half term
Monday 1 June	8.45 am	BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM
Friday 19 June	2.30 pm time might change	FATHERS DAY TEA PARTY
Friday 26 June		YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
Thursday 2 July	ALL DAY	AVOCET SCHOOL TRIP TO BROCKHOLES NATURE RESERVE
Friday 3 July	AM ONLY	YEAR 5 BURNLEY CRUCIAL CREW CHILD SAFETY EVENT
Wednesday 8-Thursday 9 July		YEAR 6 PRODUCTION – (dates might alter)
Friday 10 July	ALL DAY	GOLDCREST SCHOOL TRIP – EUREKA - HALIFAX
Tuesday 14 July	ALL DAY	YEAR 6 'SPECIAL TREAT' DAY OUT TRIP!!
Friday 17 July	9 am	YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
Friday 17 July	1.30 pm	Last day at school before Summer break

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST

School Vision: Our vision is to live and grow together as a loving church school family, who celebrate one another's individuality. Built upon our shared Christian values, St John's provides our children with teaching of a bespoke and innovative curriculum, empowering them to flourish with the knowledge and skills for life. From our vision, we inspire our children to have uncompromising aspirations and to thrive and succeed.